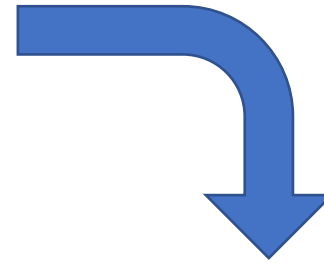


Start at the Downtown Tonopah Mural. at the Union Plaza Event Center. The Mural summarizes much of what Tonopah is all about:

- Jim & Belle Butler
- Mizpah Hotel
- Mining
- Dark Skies
- Ranching,
- Stealth Bomber
- Clown Motel

# Welcome to Tonopah Mural & Monuments

Start Here



103 N. Main Street/Union Plaza



*Tonopah Mural, Josh Scheuerman, 2021*

**We strongly encourage you to bring water and stay hydrated**

*Mural is based on Photograph published in the  
Tonopah Daily Bonanza, January 3, 1908*

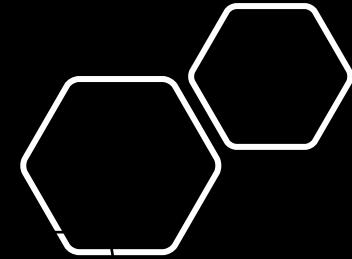


**Interactive Nevada Club Mural  
Depicts the Nevada Club that was in the  
building now know as the Belvada Hotel.**

## Nevada Club Mural St Patrick Street (Back Wall of the Belvada Hotel)

*To continue your Mural &  
Monuments Tour  
walk South towards the  
Belvada Hotel.  
Turn right on Brouger  
Avenue continue  
to the backside of the  
Belvada Hotel*

# U.S.O. Club Mural



*Continue on  
Brougher to  
301 Brougher  
Avenue Until  
you reach the  
Tonopah  
Convention  
Center*

Interactive Tonopah U.S.O Mural  
taken from a historic photograph  
dated June 22, 1945  
representing the  
U.S.O. Club Library  
located in the building  
that today houses the  
Tonopah Convention Center

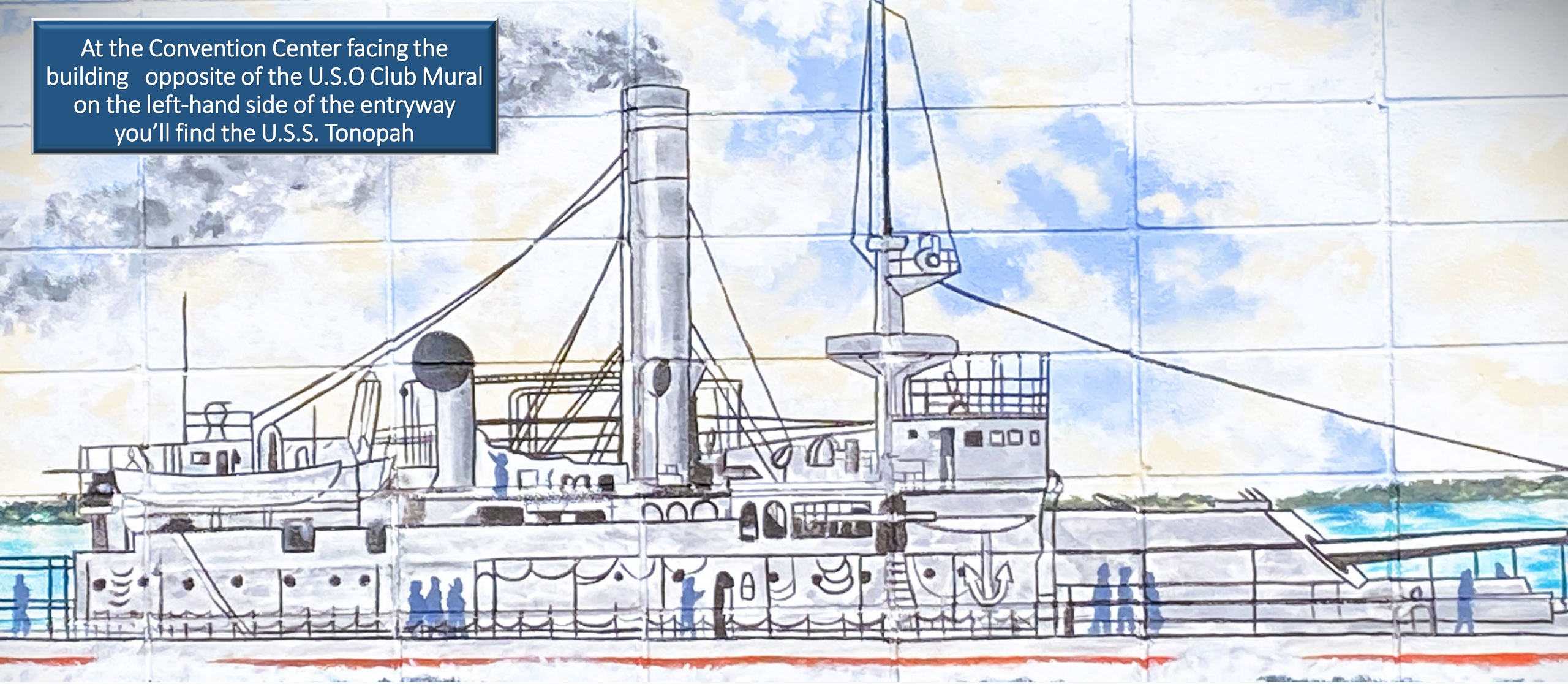


*Jamie Vincek (2021)*

**301 Brougher Avenue**  
(Tonopah Convention Center)



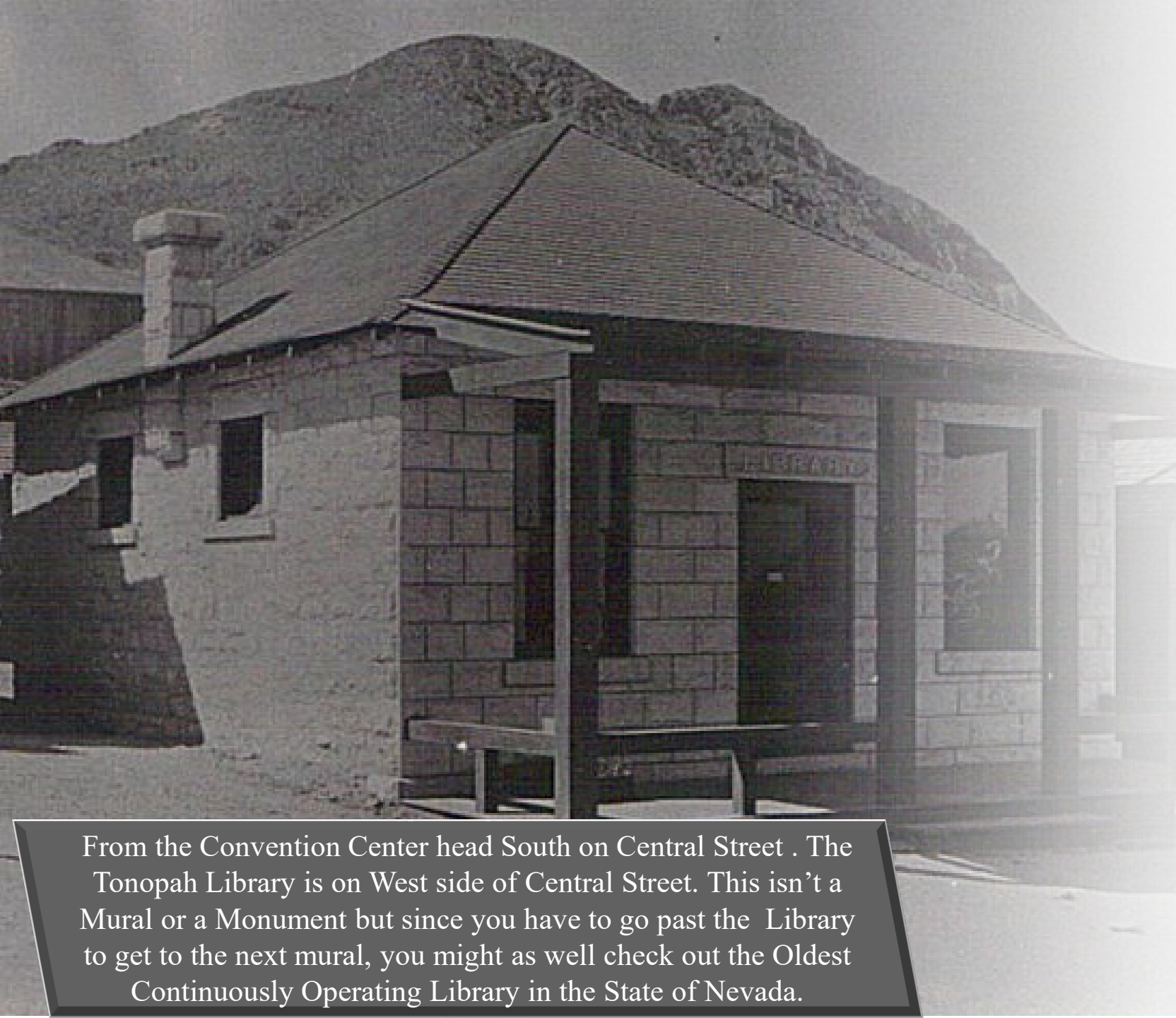
At the Convention Center facing the building opposite of the U.S.O Club Mural on the left-hand side of the entryway you'll find the U.S.S. Tonopah



Originally Commissioned the USS Nevada, in 1901; on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1909, the monitor was renamed the USS Tonopah, to allow Battleship Number 36 to be named the USS Nevada. The USS Tonopah was assigned to the Atlantic Fleet's Submarine Force as a Tender. The "Tonopah" operated along the East Coast from Massachusetts to Key West until January 1918. Then she was briefly assigned to Bermuda before being ordered to Ponta Delgada, Sao Miquel Island, Azores. In December 1918 the USS Tonopah took her final trip, being towed from Lisbon returning to the United States and was Decommissioned on July 1, 1920.

She was one of several vessels sold January 26, 1922, to Henry A. Hitner's Sons Company of Philadelphia.





## Tonopah Public Library 167 Central Street

The original Tonopah Public Library is a one-story building designed by John J. Hill. Construction was completed in 1906.

The Tonopah Public Library was the 3<sup>rd</sup> library opened in the State of Nevada and has operated continuously since it opened in 1906, making the Tonopah Public Library the oldest continuously running Library in the State of Nevada.

From the Convention Center head South on Central Street . The Tonopah Library is on West side of Central Street. This isn't a Mural or a Monument but since you have to go past the Library to get to the next mural, you might as well check out the Oldest Continuously Operating Library in the State of Nevada.

Head toward Bryan Avenue South  
Easterly to Main Street  
On the side of the A Bar L Western Store  
111 S. Main Street  
Corner of Bryan Avenue & Main Street



**Big Bill Murphy**  
**201 South Main Street**  
(in front of the Post Office)

Adam Skiles 2005



Directly across the street in front of  
the post office local Hero Big Bill  
Murphy  
rescuing a miner from the  
Belmont Mine Fire February 1911.

## Funeral Procession for the Victims of the 1911 Belmont Mine Fire 111 South Main Street

Seventeen Miners, including Big Bill Murphy, who saved many lives that  
day, perished in the 1911 Belmont Mine Fire



Lee Boweman, 2005

Next to the VFW



**VETERANS MONUMENT**  
**265 SOUTH MAIN STREET**

**THIS MONUMENT IS TO HONOR ALL VETERANS  
THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY  
IN TIMES OF WAR AND IN TIMES OF PEACE.**

**WE WANT TO THANK  
OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES FOR THE  
SACRIFICES THEY HAVE MADE FOR ALL OF US.**

**265 SOUTH MAIN STREET**  
Next to the VFW

**Tonopah  
Army Airfield  
Memorial  
Wall**



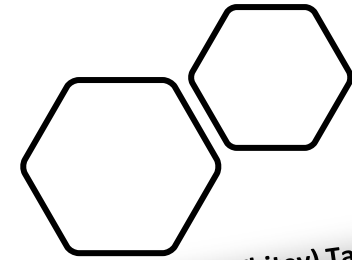
During WWII Tonopah was a training ground for many airmen flying fighter planes during the war. While the Tonopah Army Airfield was active as a training facility 120 men lost their lives in training accidents. This is to honor and remember those men.



Cross the street using the crosswalk in front of the VFW Post. Walk north to 140 South Main Street. Mural located on the side of the Town of Tonopah Office/Tonopah Public Utilities on the Corner of Main Street & Florence Avenue



## Tonopah Aviation Mural 140 South Main Street (Corner Main Street & Florence Avenue)



George F. (Whitey) Taylor, 1991



Continuing with Tonopah's Military History, this mural depicts training aircraft used by the USAAF 357<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group and other squadrons during World War II training fighter pilots. The first organization arrived at the Tonopah Army Airfield July 1, 1942. Chuck Yeager and Bud Anderson and many others were stationed in Tonopah during this time. The War Department placed the Tonopah Army Airfield on inactive status October 1, 1946. That wasn't the end of Military presence in Tonopah. Aircraft such as the Stealth Bomber was originally developed and tested at the Tonopah Test Site before the program was relocated to New Mexico.

# Cattle Drive

100 South Main Street

(in Front of the Jim Butler Inn & Suites)

**Tonopah has a long & rich history of ranchers that is still strong today. Some Families have been ranching in the area for many generations.**



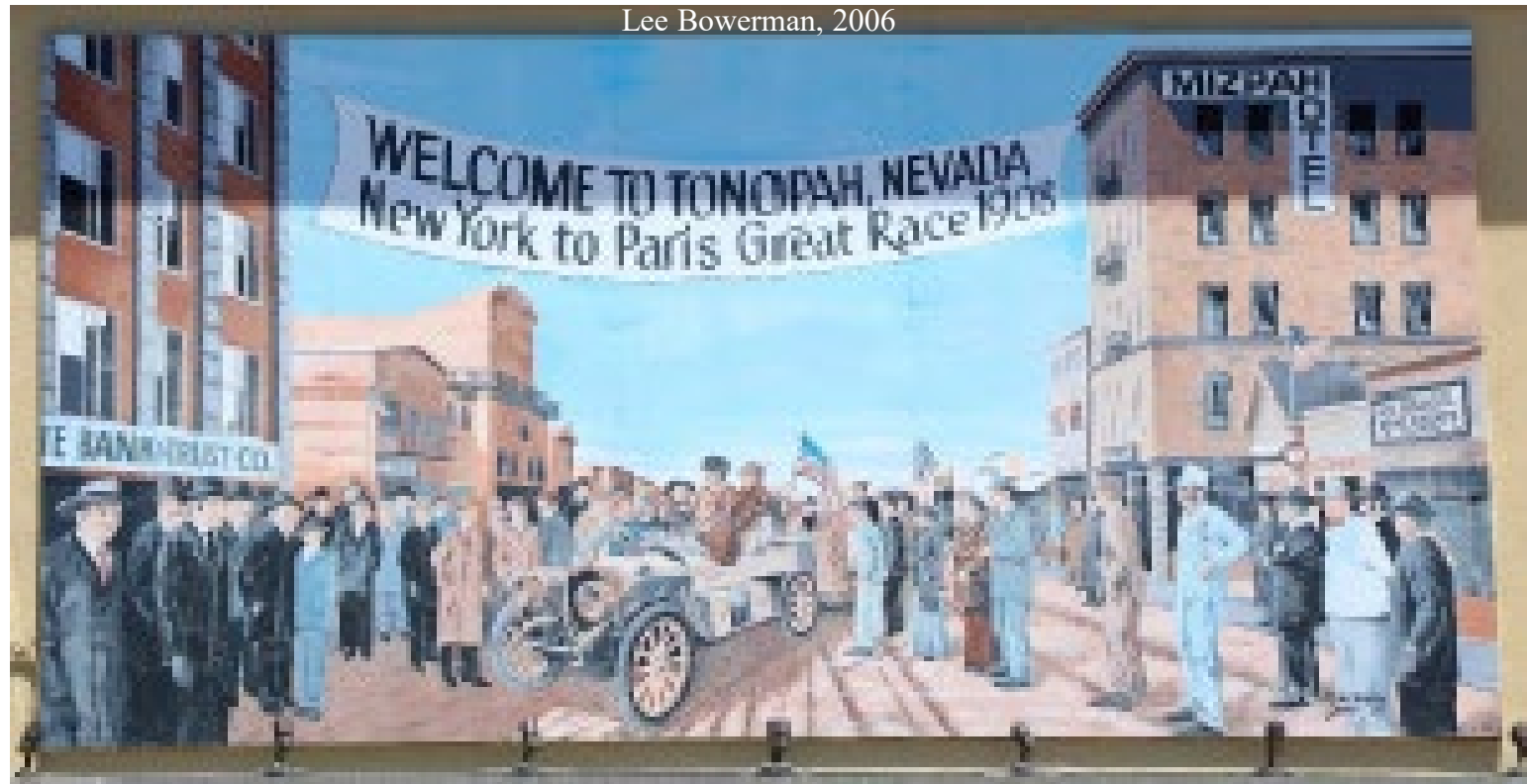
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# The New York to Paris Great Race 1908 Stopped in Tonopah.

The Racers were cheered on by all of Tonopah



**112 N. Main Street**

(On the front of the building of the Mizpah Club)

## Jim & Belle Butler



Walk towards the Valero Super 7 gas station, cross the street using the crosswalk in front of the gas station.

Jim & Belle Butler  
Pocket Park  
215 N. Main Street

We celebrate Jim Butler Days every year, but if the truth be told if it weren't for Belle, Jim probably would have sat around for who knows how long before having the Ore Assayed that he brought back after a trip he took back in May 1900. So, maybe it should be called "Butler Days". It was Belle who pushed Jim to get "off his lazy bum" and take care of business. When the Ore was finally Assayed, it turned out to be some pretty High-Grade Silver Ore with a little Gold in there too. So shortly thereafter, Jim, Belle, and their associates Taskar Oddie and Wills Brougner returned to the area now known as Tonopah to stake their mining claims. When they started staking their claims, Belle must have been pushing Jim again because Jim told Belle to leave him along for a bit, "Go Find Your Own Claim". So that's exactly what Belle did. She staked her claim and named it the "Mizpah". The Mizpah Mine turned out to be the largest producing claim of all the Butler claims.



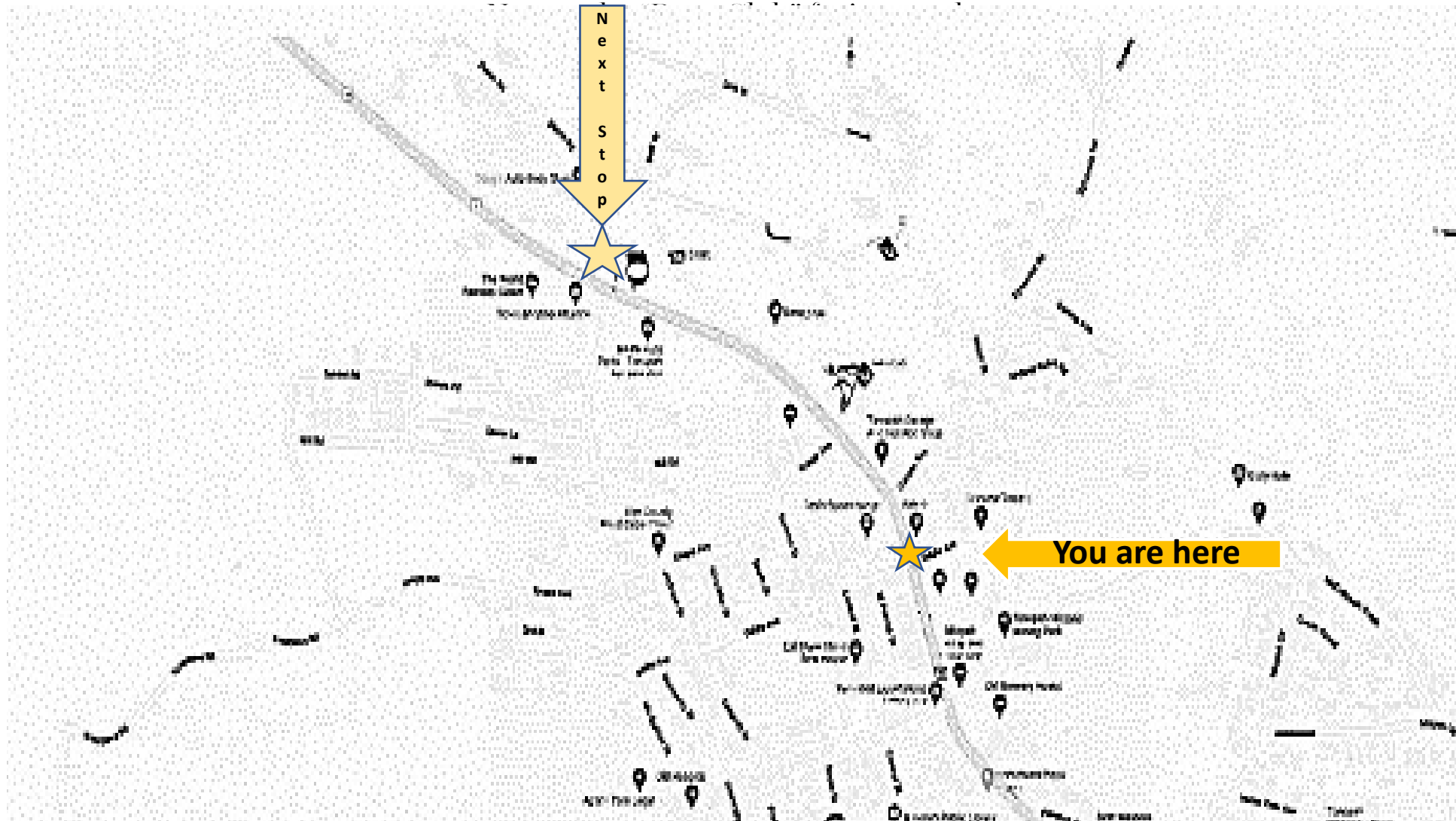
Cattle Drive  
161 North Main Street  
(in Front of the “McKim”  
Building)



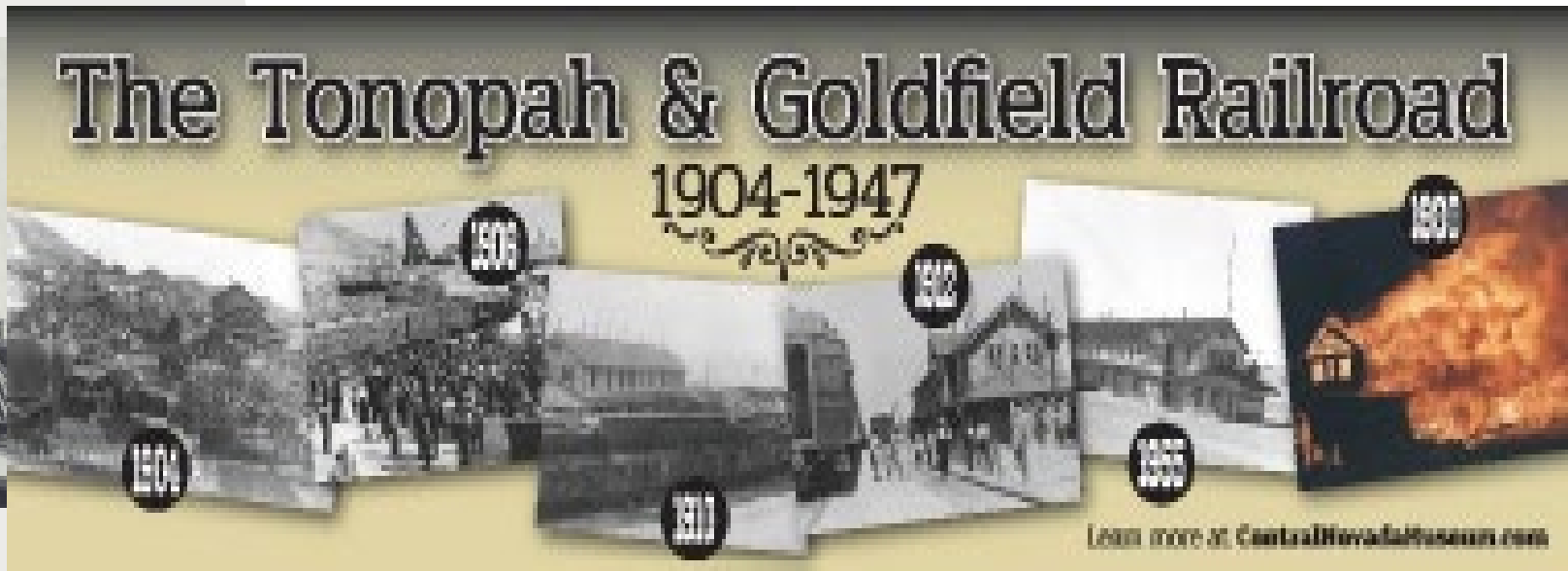
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The rest of the tour is what we consider the “driving” portion. Some of you may want to stop here and consider if you want to continue walking or if you want to drive the remainder of the route. It’s up to you.....

Whichever you choose please remember to drink lots of water.  
Next stop 160 North Main Street







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• [Tonopah](#) was a railroad hub in the State of Nevada in the early 20th century, with numerous Nevada railroads connecting to it, either directly or indirectly, such as the aforementioned T&G, but also the [Tonopah and Tidewater Railroad](#) and the [Las Vegas and Tonopah Railroad](#).

• This was all the result of a short-lived rush of gold and other precious metals in the area that would fizzle out, rendering much of the T&G's competition obsolete.

*Tonopah Miners Monument  
to honor the many men who lost  
their lives in Tonopah Mines  
between 1901 & 1941*

*521 N. Main Street  
Next to the Clown Motel*





# *Major General Olinto M. Barsanti* *Servicemen's Memorial Park*

Olinto M. Barsanti was born in Tonopah, Nevada November 11, 1917. Barsanti enlisted in the Army in June 1940. Barsanti was one of few who rose to the rank of US Army Major General without having attended West Point. Major General Barsanti was a highly decorated officer who served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

Major General United States Army  
Nevada

World War II - Korea - Vietnam

Distinguished Service Cross

Distinguished Service Medal

Silver Star 4-O.L.C.

Legion of Merit 2-O.L.C.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Bronze Star Medal With V-7- O.L.C.

Air Medal with V-7-O.L.C.

Purple Heart with 6- O.L.C.

Combat Infantryman Badge With Star  
Parachutist Badge

World War II Victory Medal

Korean Service Medal with 6 Stars

Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Stars

GG 101st Airborne Division - Vietnam

Chief of Staff 5th Army

615 Bryan Avenue  
"Barsanti Park"



**Tonopah Station  
1137 S. Main Street  
The Big Casino Dance  
Hall 1908**



Lee Bowerman, 2006

**Please note this mural is located inside the bar at the  
Tonopah Station. and you must be 21 to enter this area.**





# Tonopah High School Mascot Go Muckers! 1 Ray Tennant Way



To respect the teachers and students at  
Tonopah High School, we recommend  
visiting this monument when school is not in  
session. Thank you.



Adam Skiles